

# *How FIFE and BOREAS changed the World*



*Then*



*Now*

# *Flashback !*

You have all been time-warped back to

**July 20 1994, 0000 UTC**

You are waiting for the nightly BOREAS Ops meeting to begin.....

**BOREAS Aircraft/Satellite Schedule**

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Thursday

Date: 07-21-94				Mission Manager: SELLERS Hot Site: SSA					NSA SAM: NEWCOMER SSA SAM: MITCHELL							
GMT	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900	2000	2100	2200	2300	2400	100	200	300	400
NSA	800	900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900	2000	2100	2200	2300
SSA	700	800	900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900	2000	2100	2200
		N-12 ▽ 4,56		N-9 ▽ 34,47		S-3 ▽ 30,31				N-11 ▽ 24,52						
		N-12 △ 24,58		N-9 △ 49,48	N-9 △ 49,37	S-3 △ 5,34				N-11 △ 47,48	N-11 △ 50,63					
ER-2				RE-MS					6000'							
DC-8				RD-MN, RT					MS							
CV-580				RV-MN					RV-RT, MS							
C-130				RC-MS, TS					MS, OA, OBS, OJP, YJP, Fen, KLake							
Chieftain				RP-TS					25000 20000 Cal at 4PA., OA, WL, OBS, YJP, Fen							
Helo				RH-TS					RH-TS							
Electra				FE-RT					RH-BS							
Kingair				FK-GS					2100'							
Twotter				FT-GS					2200'							
Long EZ				FL-GS					FT-TS, CS 2000'							
									FL-GS							

RH-BS { OA, OBS

RH-TS { B9B7A, OA, YA, OBS, Fen,  
FINOM, YJP, G6K8S, G9LOP,  
I2ISP

# BOREAS Daily Team Participation Form

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Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
AFM	W YPA *	W YPA *	W YKE *	W YPA *	7 W 7	* W OJP	* W *	W OPS *															
TF	W OA *	W DA *	* W OBS	W YDP *	W OJP *	W YA *	W OBS *	W W OJP	W OBS *	* W YJP FEN	W FEN *												
TE	PW OBS OJP *	W OA OJP *		W MIX YTP *	* OJP OBS *	W BWK MIX *	W OA MIX *	W YA PND *	* W ABC D	W OA *	MIX OJP *	W YA YTP *	* AT 391 W AUX *		W WL *					W 913 120 *		W OBS AUX *	W AUX OBS *
TGB	* BP Lab OJP		FEN OBS OJP GIL	* W BP OJP	* W GFS		W OJP *	W OBS *	W OBS *	W DA OJP *													
HYD	* OJP YTP OJP YTP						W W JL		Piez 391 120 HR-ET														
RSS	W OA *	W YPA *	W YPA *				W FEN *			W *		W SBC *	W YPA *		W YJP *	W ALL TF *	W YTP *	W CAL *	W YPA 120+ WSL *	W RC *			
STAFF	W AUX PND *																						

JL - Joey Lake  
BP - Beaver Pond  
GIL - Gilliam Rd.  
CAL - Calibration Site  
WL - Waskesui Lake

GFS - Gilliam FIRE Site  
SBC - Sandy Bay Campground  
120 - Hwy 120  
HR - Harding Rd.

AT - Arrived Today WSL - White Swan Lake  
Te 9 a - Lab OBS LT - Lake Temperature  
b - repairs  
c - 89, burm.  
d - OJP

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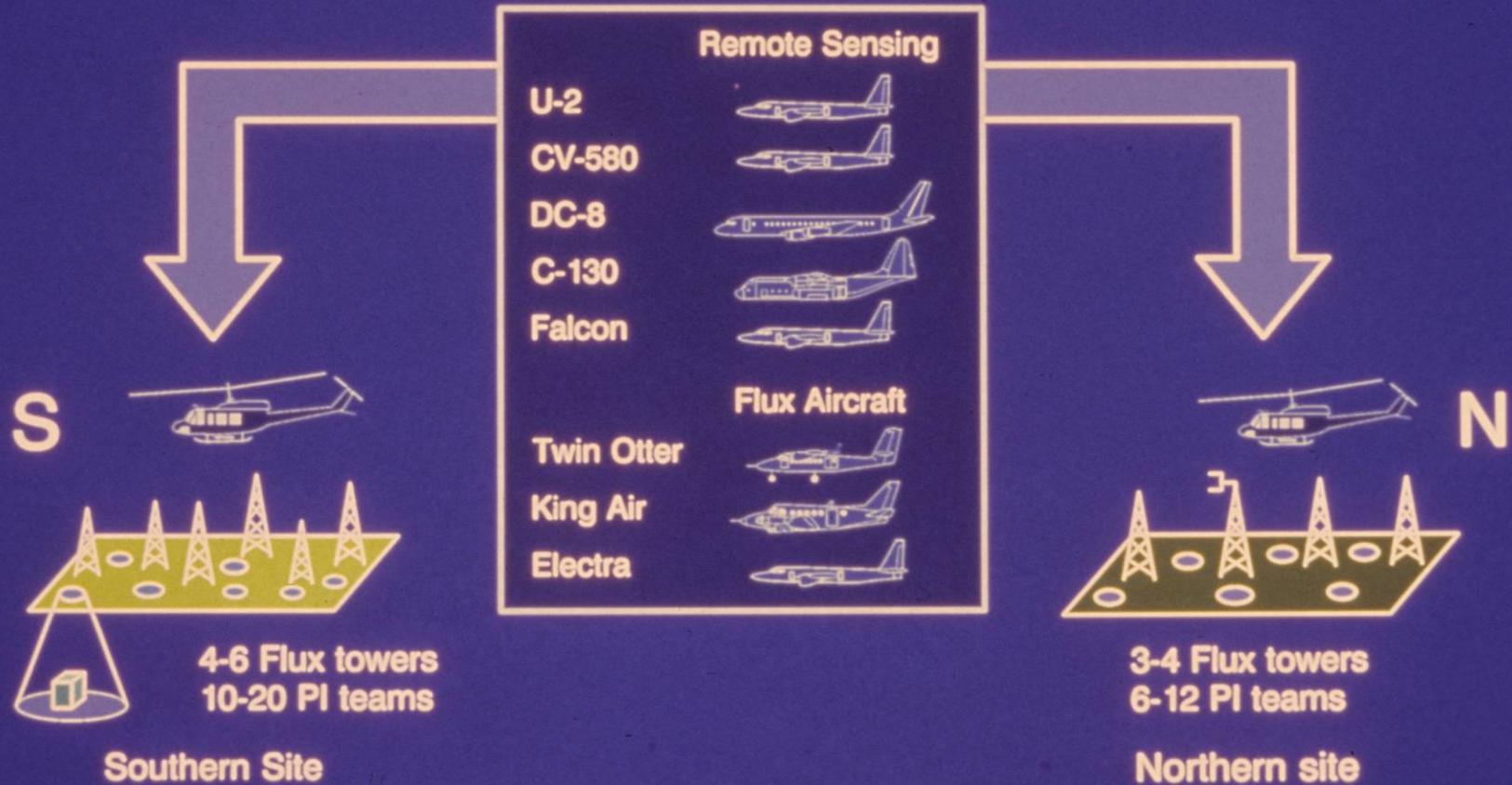
MM/SAM Issues 07/21/94

1. Science meetings: 10 minutes/group.  
NSA - 1900, Friday night  
SSA - 1830, Saturday night : Snax , please bring beer.
2. Tower climbing course in SSA , monday 07/25/94, 1000LT.  
Last Chance for SSA people.
3. Modelers Workshop and tours  
Modelers will be at the SSA Science mtg + BOG  
Monday am tours of SSA TF sites.  
Monday pm tours of the aircraft.  
Tuesday tours of TF sites.  
( Wanna see TGB, TE, HYD stuff as well as TF ).
4. Possible immense BBQ/beer bash at Waskesiu 7/28/94
5. Forms for Group reps: these are designed to help - try 'em out.
6. NSA-OA Site characterisation; TE-9D requested help; TE-22 wants to discuss after the BOG mtg.
7. Camera crew touring SSA tomorrow :  
am - YPA, Ops,  
pm - OJP, OA, PWD Labs
8. NSA low-level aircraft AM radio link up for tuesday.
9. SSA-OBS old TE tower site: request from TF-9 to take core samples from 28 trees around the old site. OK?
10. No alteration of TE towers without talking with TE captain or Ops
11. Want to go to SSA-OA? Arrange access the day before; double up vehicles. ( Traffic jam at the gravel pit).  
VERY LIMITED ACCESS TO SSA-OA TOMORROW: ROAD REPAIRS

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY

12. RSS-20 (Vern Vanderbilt) Need manual on GPS. Model Garmin GPS 102  
Any info on Garmin (Phone #) Extra manuals?

# IFC OPERATIONS: FLEXIBLE RESPONSE



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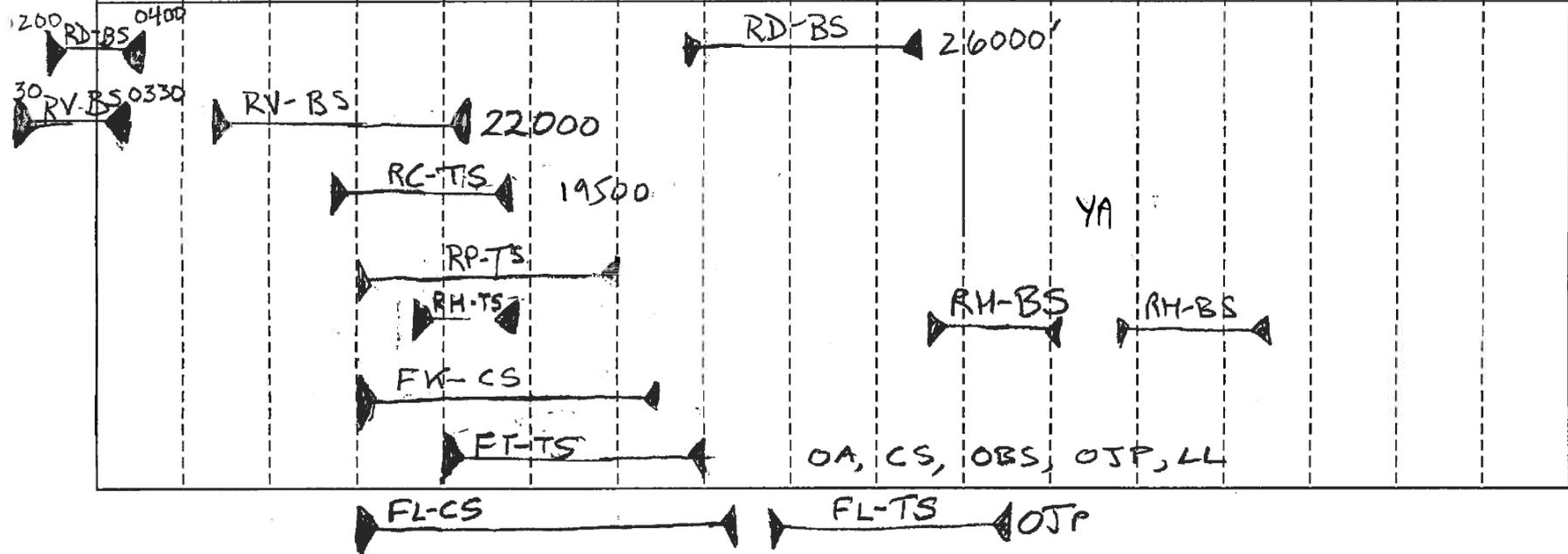
SATURDAY

BOREAS Aircraft/Satellite Schedule

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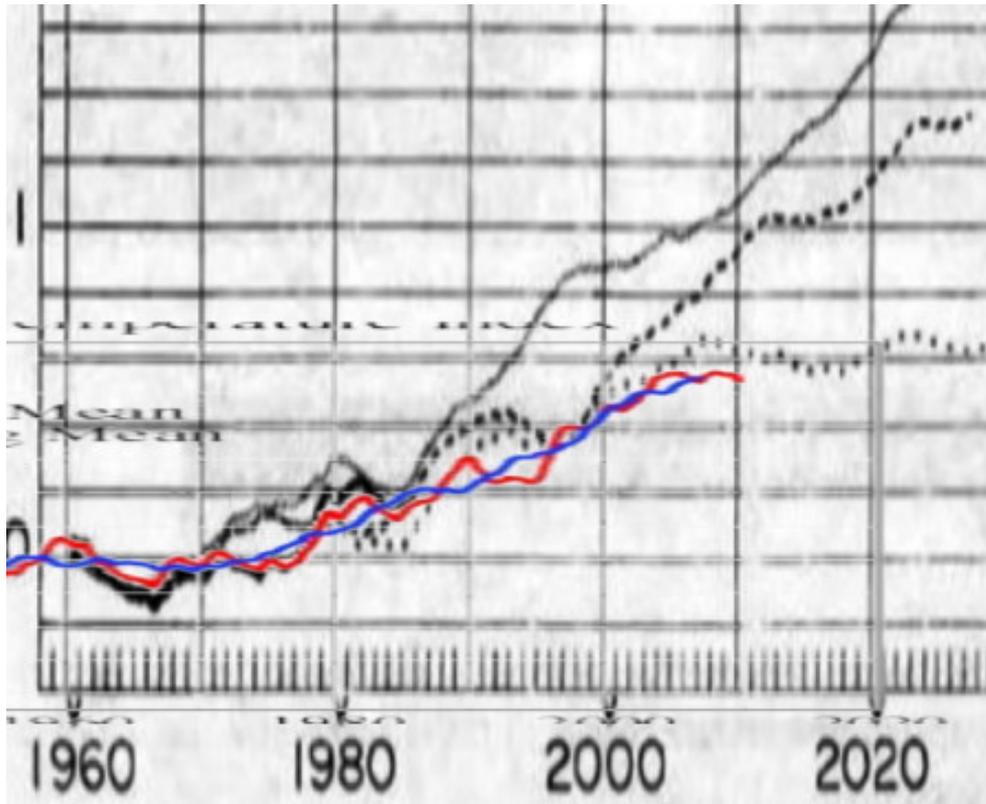


RH-TS : DOH65, YA, FSI6P  
 FIJOP, OBS

FE WX SCRUB

# Jim Hansen and Congress (1988)

*but the papers were written in 1975, 1979..*



# *FIFE and BOREAS*

*Its been 29 years since FIFE-87.*

***How did it all start? ..or what did we know and when did we know it?***

**1981:** NASA Workshop on Land Surface Parameterizations (LSPs) as used in atmospheric General Circulation Models (GCMs).

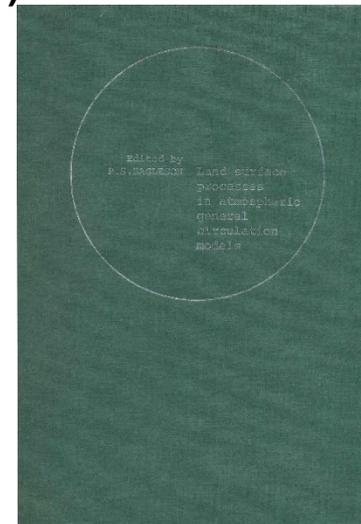
Hydrologists, Meteorologists, Satellite-ists

The Book ( Ed. Peter Eagleson; 1983) concluded that:

- **LSPs were unrealistic and primitive**
- **Fixed fields of albedo and surface roughness ( “made up”)**
- **One-dimensional soil block model**
- **Beta-function used for Evapotranspiration**
- **No accounting for vegetation**

Question: “ ***Is it worth improving LSPs in GCMs ?*** “

*Note: 4 acronyms on the first chart...*



# THE BUCKET MODEL

## ALBEDO

Prescribed from measurements, biased to visible wavelengths

Too dark; forests were 7%, not 13%

## ROUGHNESS

Uniform roughness

Tuned to optimize drag or energy balance

Usually too rough

## EVAPORATION

The bucket model

Full bucket: Evaporates like a lake

Empty bucket: Dry

e.g.,  $\frac{dW}{dt} = P - W.E_{\text{wet}}$



# First Generation LSP

Fixed Albedo

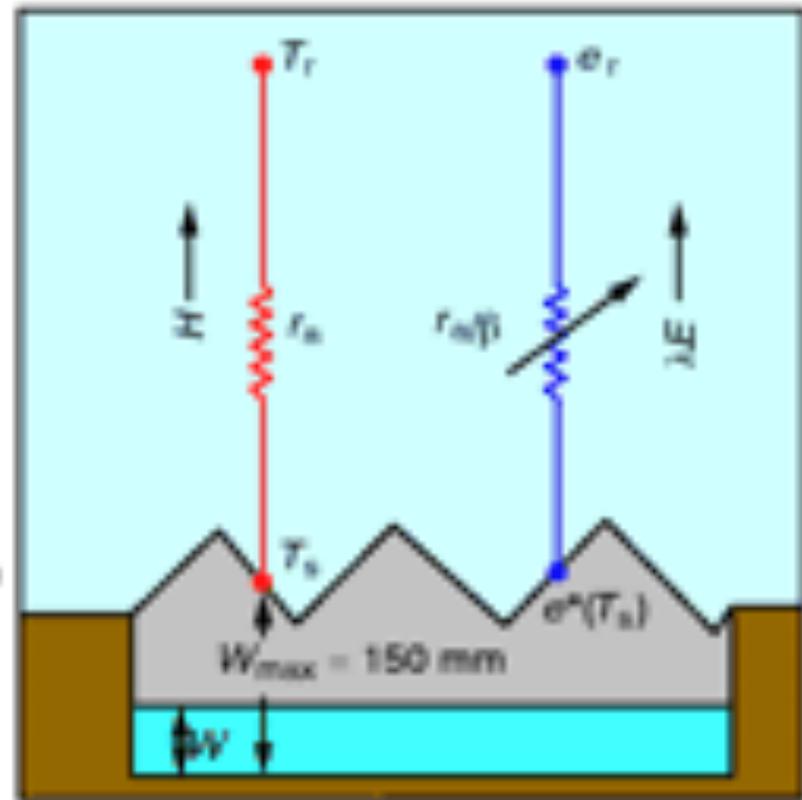
Fixed Roughness

Simple ET

“Manabe bucket model”.

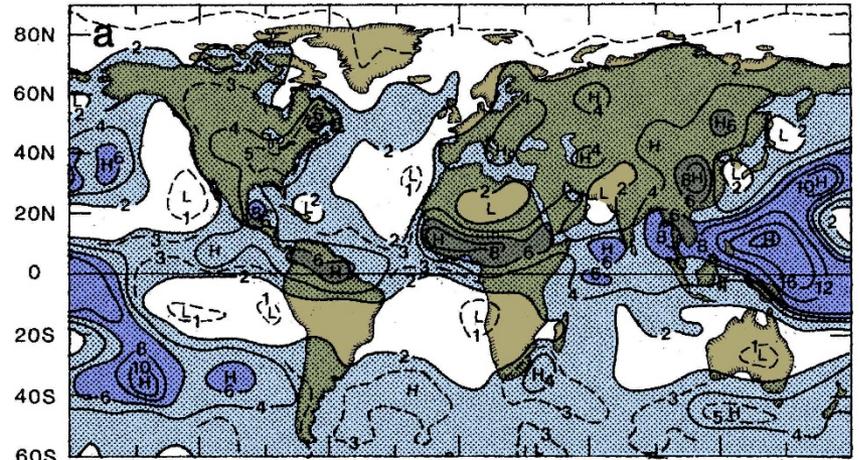
150 mm capacity

$B = W/W_{\max}$

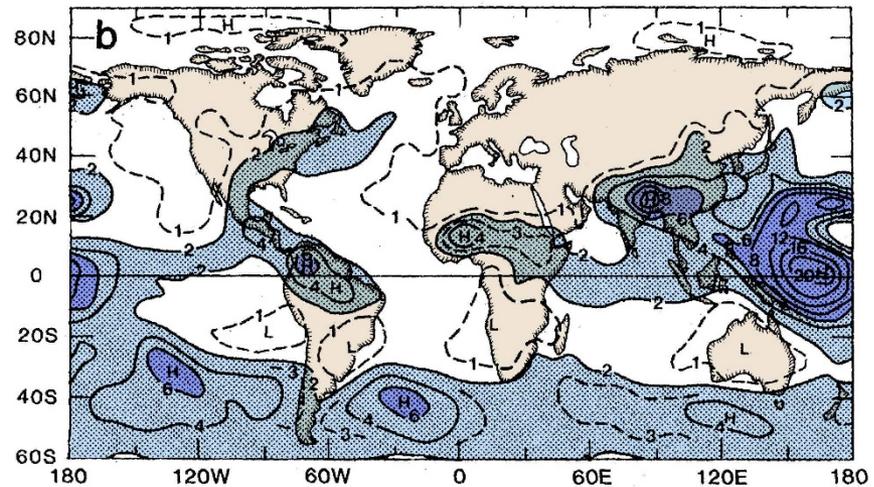


# Model Simulated July Precipitation mm/day

Wet Soil Case ( $\beta = 1$ )



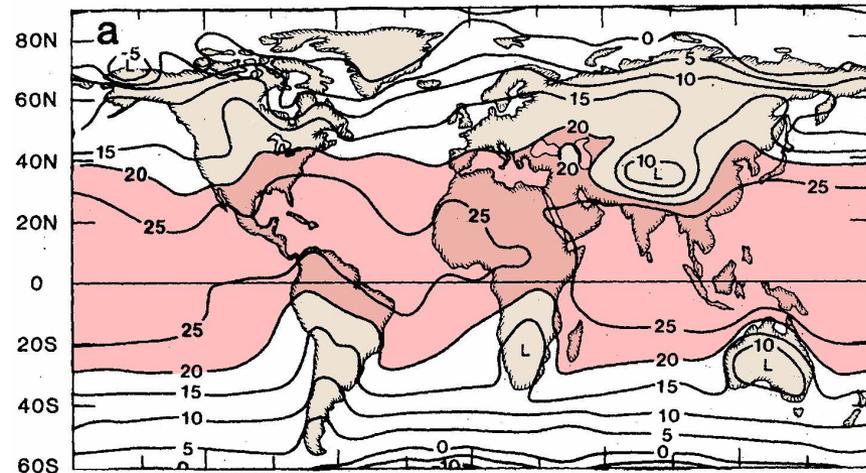
Dry Soil Case ( $\beta = 0$ )



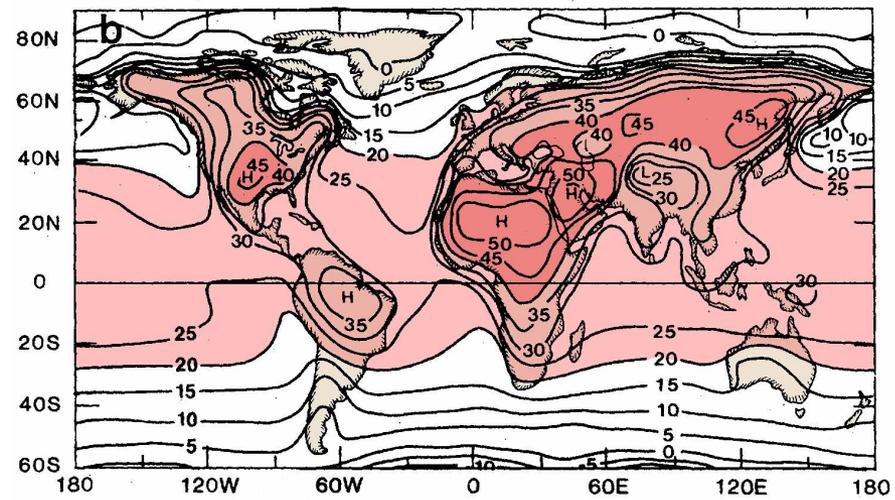
*Shukla and Mintz,  
Science 1982*

# Model Simulated July Surface Temperature °C

Wet Soil Case ( $\beta = 1$ )



Dry Soil Case ( $\beta = 0$ )



Shukla and Mintz,  
Science 1982

# ***And so ISLSCP was born..***

**1984: *First meetings of ISLSCP***, and the first report.

A series of field experiments was called for to:

- (i) Collect the data required to develop and improve LSPs, and*
- (ii) Develop satellite-based methods to initialize and validate these parameterizations on regional and global scales.*

**1985-1986: NASA 923 ( *Biospheric Sciences*) steps up to the plate.**

....the search for funds, PI selection, thinking, planning...

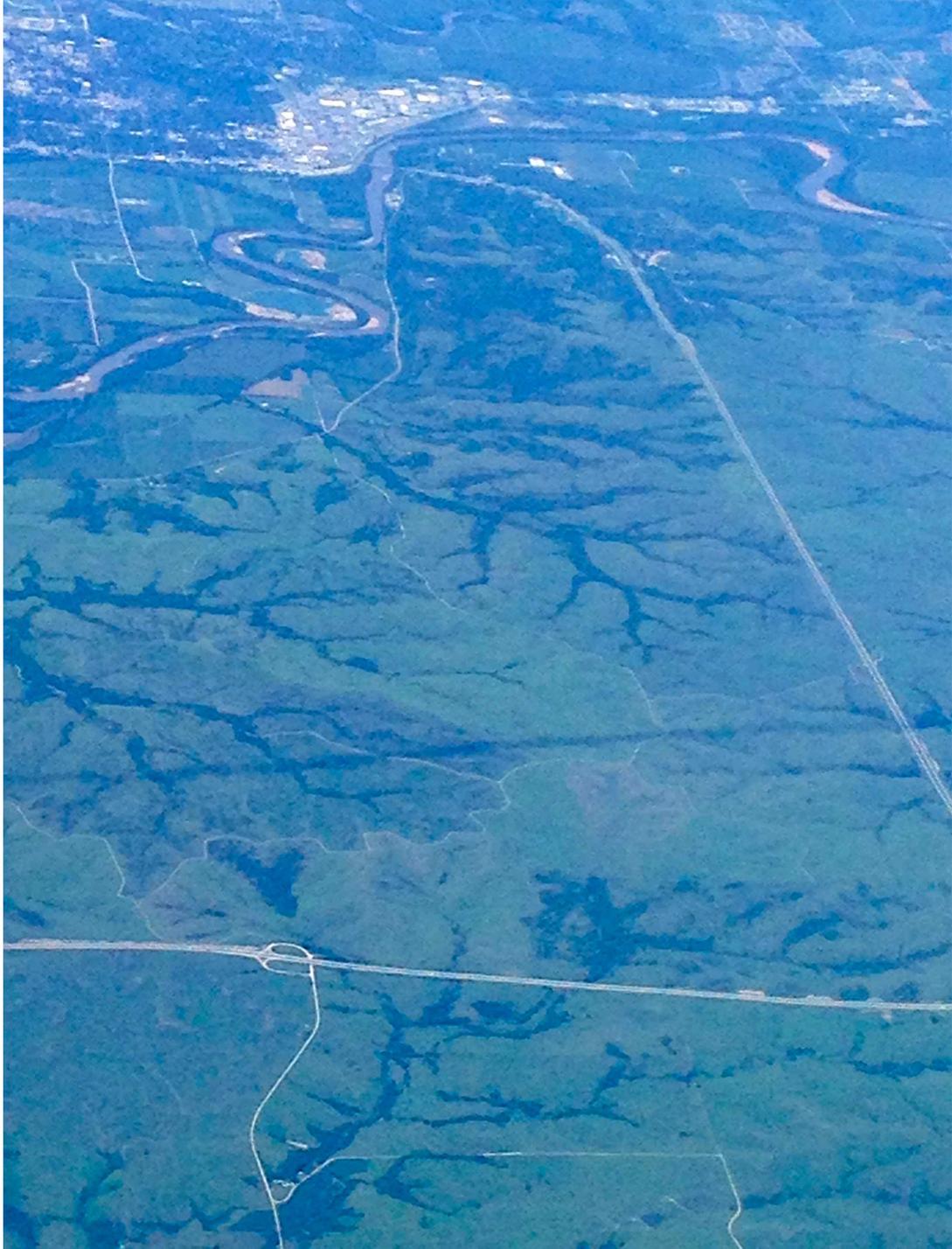
**1986: *The HAPEX-Mobilhy experiment in France***

**1987: *FIFE-87 hits the field near Manhattan, Kansas***

15 km by 15 km prairie site, near KSU

....*too late to back out now..*

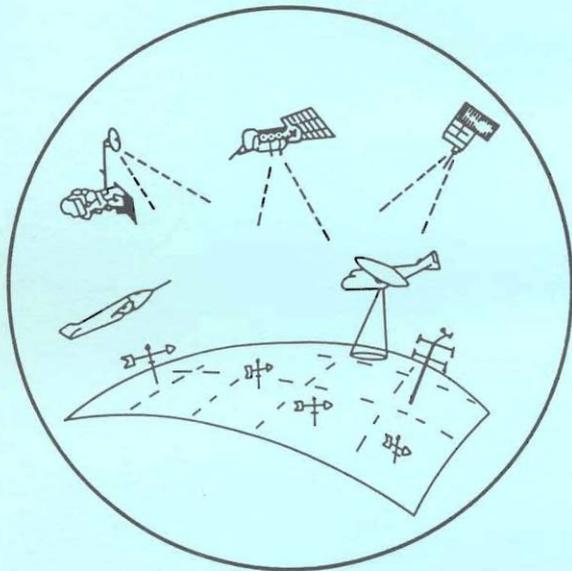




# FIFE SCIENCE PLAN

**ISLSCP**

INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE LAND  
SURFACE CLIMATOLOGY PROJECT



**FIFE**

**First ISLSCP Field Experiment**

Final Version : May 1986



**EXPERIMENT PLAN**

**International Satellite Land Surface  
Climatology Project**

May 1987



ABL	Atmospheric Boundary Layer	6
SF	Surface Fluxes	7
CC	Correction/Calibration	4
SRB	Surface Radiances/Biology	7
SM	Soil Moisture	7
IS	Integrative Science	<u>4</u>
		35

Staff science (GSFC, KSU)  
FIFE Information System (GSFC)  
Soviet teams in 1989

# ***FIFE-87..baptism by fire, chiggers, and sleep deprivation***

***MetNet, soil moisture monitoring all year***

***4 Intensive Field Campaigns (IFCs), each ~2 weeks***

- **Green-up**
- **Peak Greenness**
- **Drydown** (didn't happen in FIFE-87 ..Kansas stayed green)
- **Senescence** ( peak deadness)

***Coordinated measurement plans with on-the-fly improvizations***

5 satellites; 10 aircraft; ~150 people.

Satellite overpass schedule, weather, equipment failures, personnel disasters....

Coordinated operations management through nightly meetings and real-time radio communications (eventually)

Long-suffering hardworking Staff from NASA/GSFC Code 923, and Kansas State University

***The FIFE Information System***

Revolutionary idea, and managed by a revolutionary (a great contribution by Don Strebel)

Consistent formatting and documentation for all data sets

Data sharing agreements – the key to successful interdisciplinary science

***Immediate results of FIFE-87***

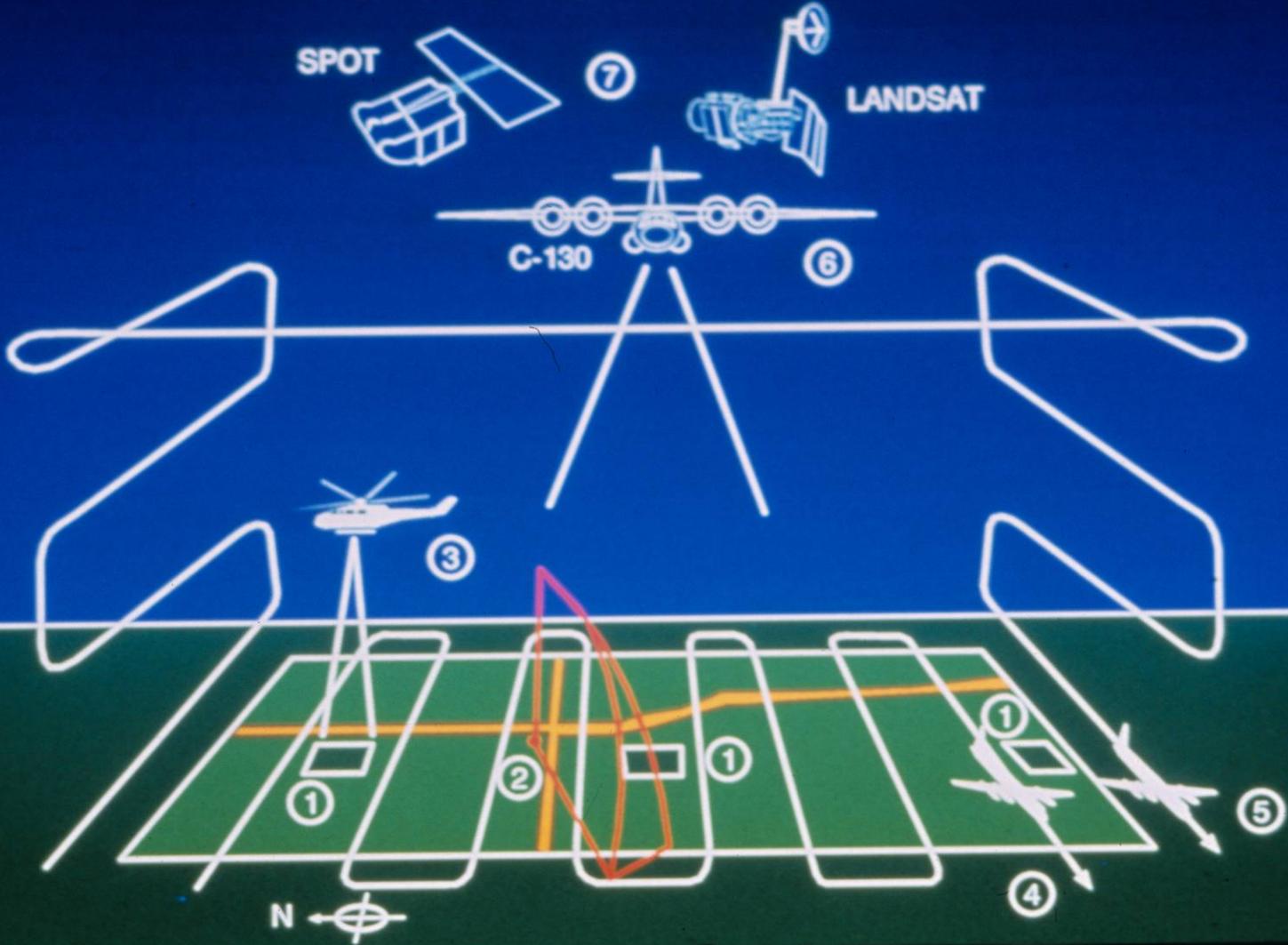
Very successful collection of almost all the required data sets: simo observations from subsoil to orbit.

No drydown observed > so FIFE-89 was designed and executed



# FIFE - 89

FIFE Operations, August 4, 1969, 1130 - 1230



JULY 28, 1989

Greenness Index



CO<sub>2</sub> Flux (kg ha<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>)



T<sub>s</sub> - T<sub>a</sub> (°C)



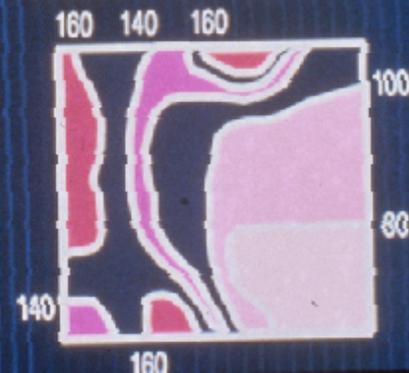
H<sub>2</sub>O (Wm<sup>-2</sup>)



Net Radiation (Wm<sup>-2</sup>)

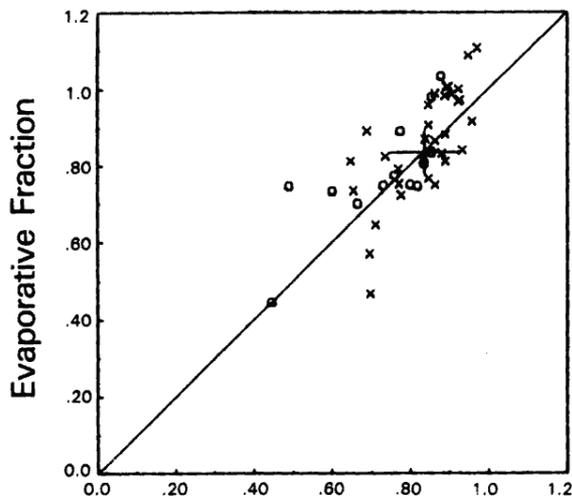


Heat Flux (Wm<sup>-2</sup>)

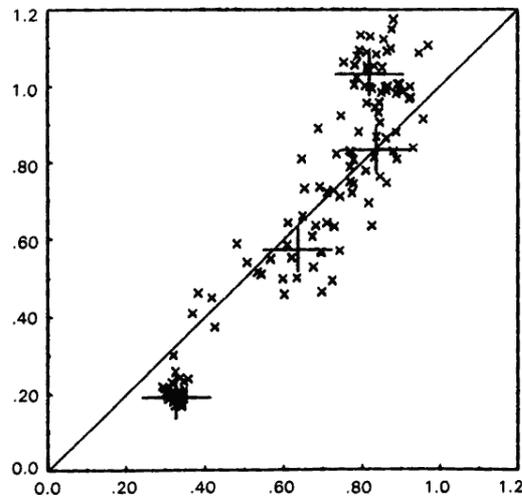


Simple Biosphere Model (SiB)  
Calculations

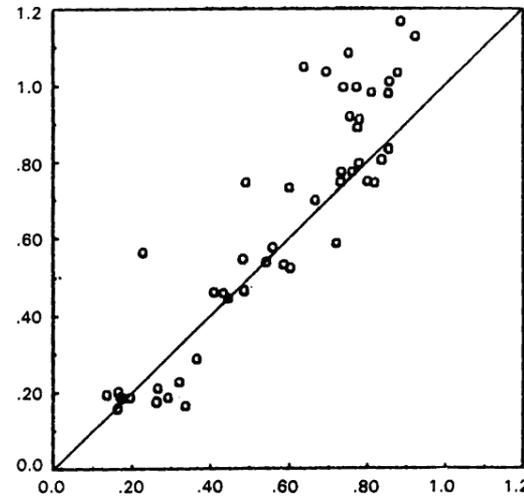
Day 216  
1338-1535



All Days  
Airborne EC



All Days  
Surface Stations

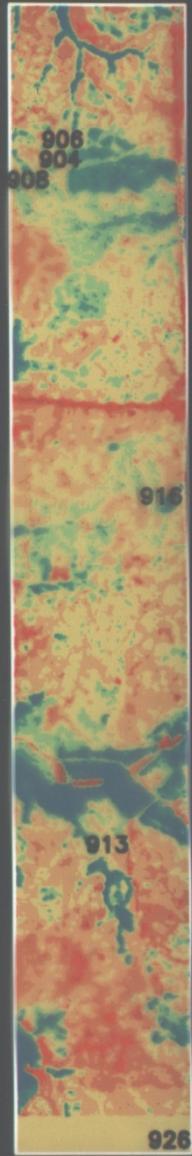


Desjardins Data (2 x 4 km)  
Flux Station Data

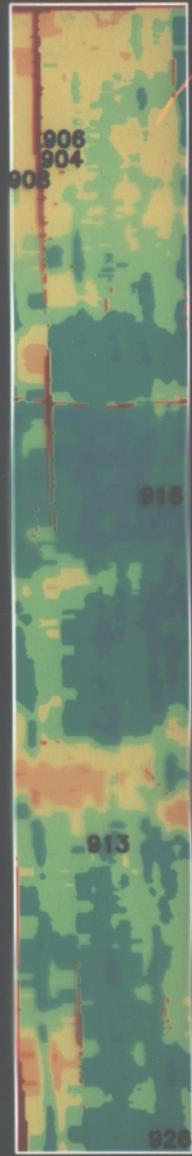
DEM



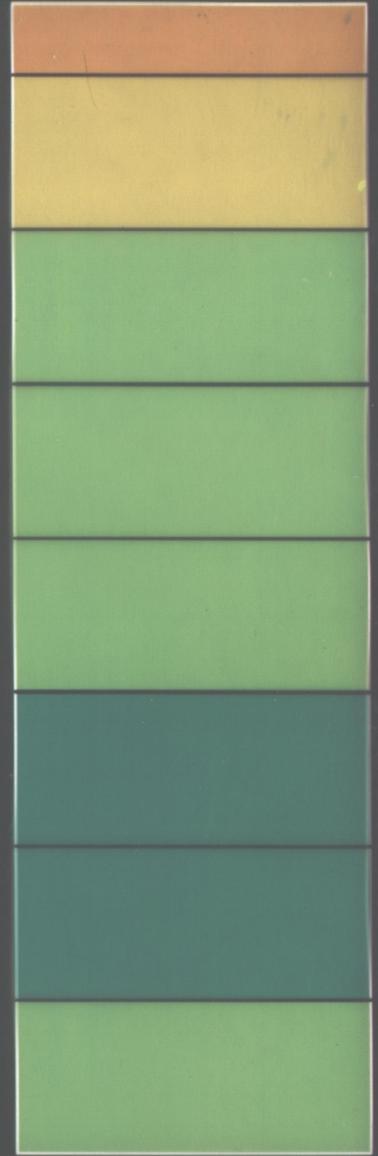
SPOT Simple Ratio



W1(PBMR)



Airborne Flux EF



320 340 360 380 400 420 440 460

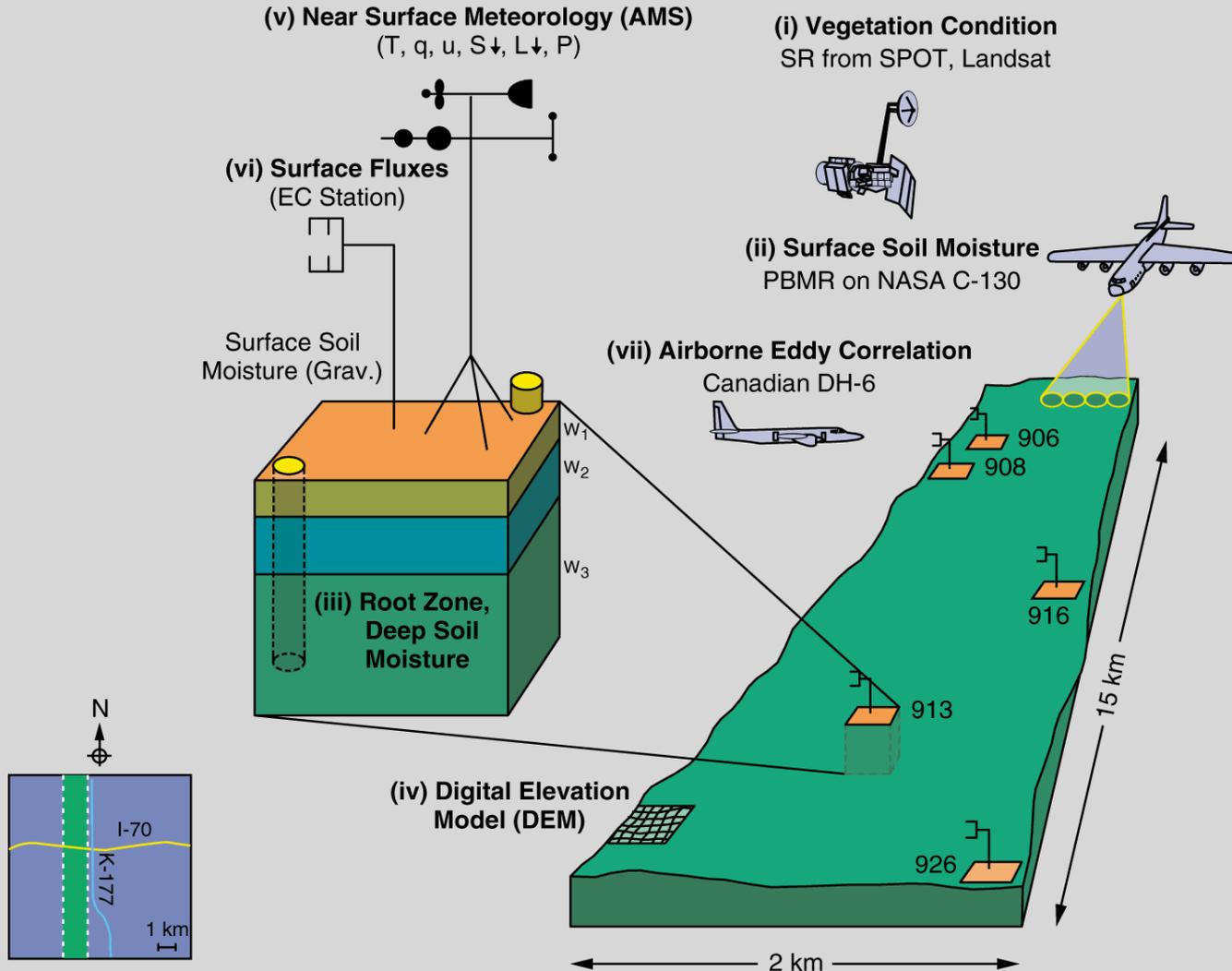
2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 5 5.5 6

0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9

0.55 0.6 0.65 0.7 0.75 0.8 0.85 0.9 0.95

# FIFE-89 Testbed Area

## Verification of $g_c^*$ vs. Vegetation Index Relationship



# REMOTE SENSING SCIENCE

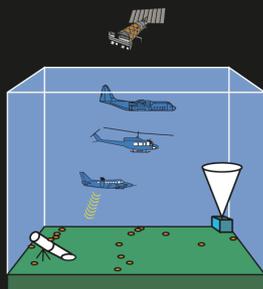
Satellite  
(TIR, Optical)

Airborne  
(TIR, Optical,  
Microwave, Radar,  
Gamma-ray)

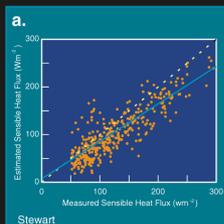
Lidar, photometry

Surface radiometry  
(various)

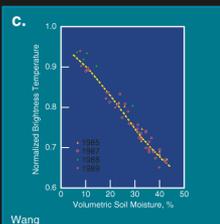
In situ validation techniques



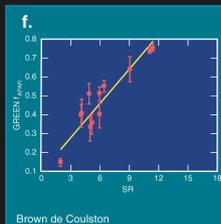
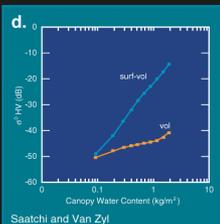
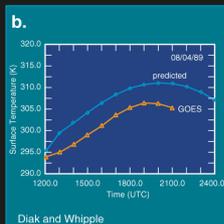
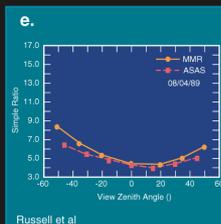
## Thermal



## Microwave



## Optical



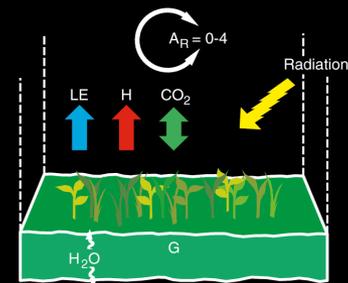
# PROCESS MODELS

ABL processes

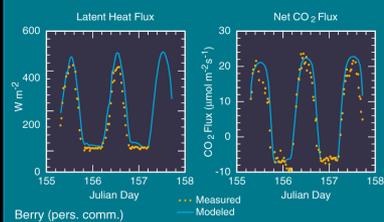
Mixed layer models

Coupled SVAT Models  
(Energy-Water-Carbon)

Soil Physics  
(Heat and Water)



## a. SVAT Model Improvement

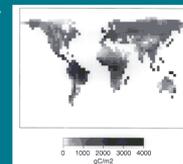


## b. Improved NWP Model Performance



## c. Global Energy-Water-Carbon Models

Annual Gross  
Primary Production



Sellers et al (in press; a, b)  
Randall et al (in press)

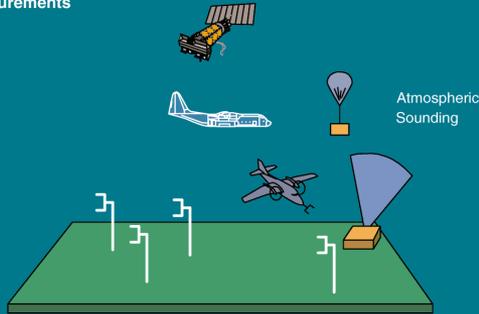
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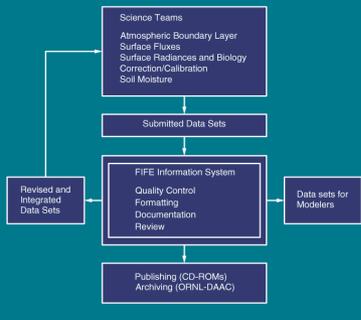
Satellite and Airborne Remote Sensing

Airborne and Surface Fluxes

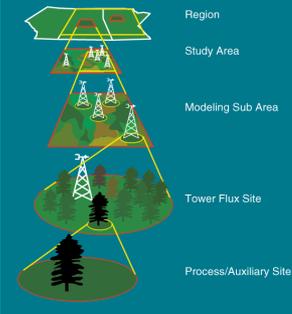
In situ Measurements



## b. Integrated Data System

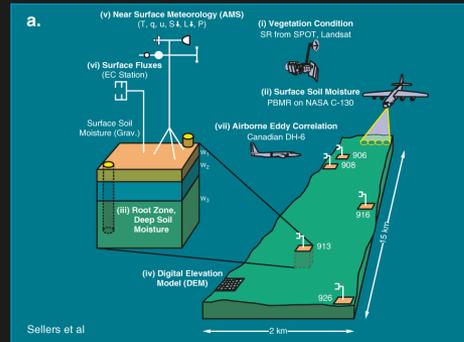


## c. Nested Scale Design

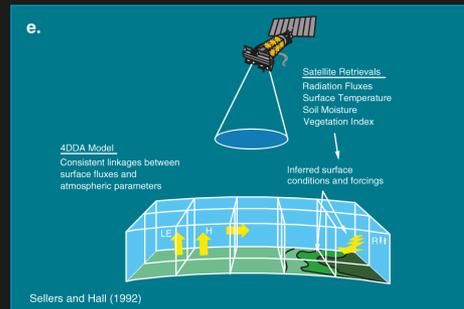
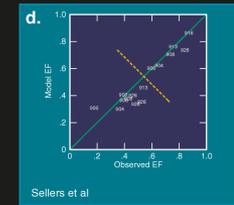
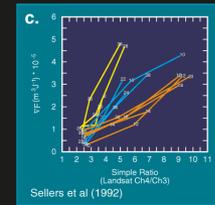
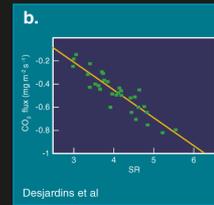


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# SCALE INTEGRATION



Sellers et al



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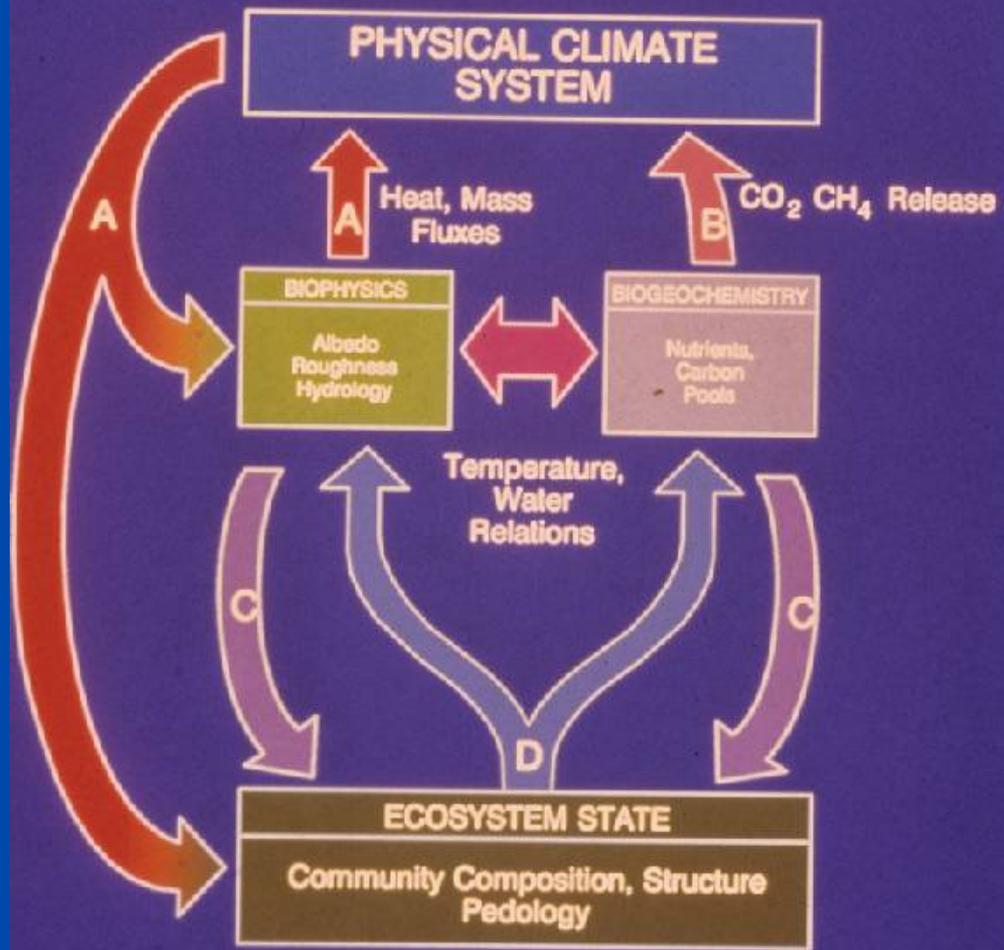
**BOREAL ECOSYSTEM - ATMOSPHERE STUDY**



# CANADIAN CLIMATE CENTRE GCM SCREEN TEMPERATURE DIFFERENCE FOR YEAR



# THE CLIMATE SYSTEM AND THE BOREAL FOREST FORCINGS AND FEEDBACKS



*BOREAS was tougher, but so were we...*

**US and Canadian Project**, with international participation.

**Southern and Northern Study Areas** selected in 1990-91.

*Each study area ~ 100 km; separated by 600 km*

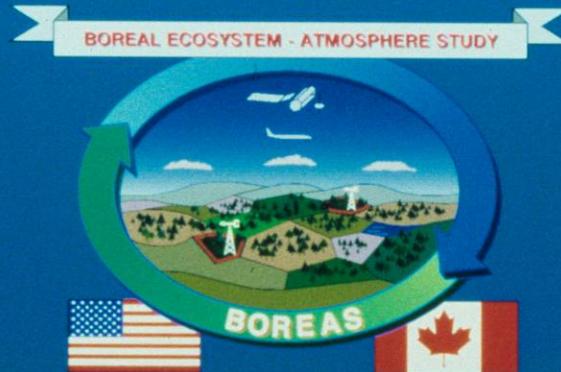
**Field Campaigns in 1993, 1994, 1996:**

*12 aircraft; 1000\*1000 km area; 12 towers; 300 people.*

*Complex logistics; communications; operations.*

**Operating in the wilderness**, harsh climate, vile bugs.

**Infrastructure taken over by Canada.**



AFM	Aircraft fluxes, meteorology	14
TF	Tower flux	10
TE	Terrestrial Ecosystems	21
HYD	Snow and Hydrology	10
TGB	Trace gas and biogeochemistry	10
RSS	Remote Sensing Science	21

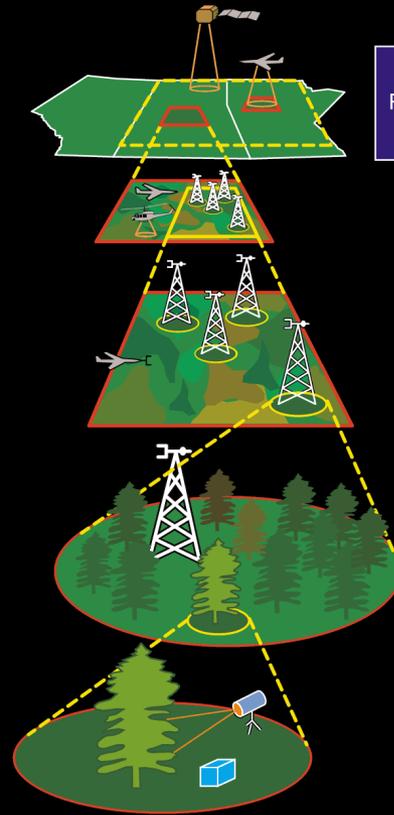
**Region**  
1000 x 1000km

**Study Area**  
~100 x 50km

**Modeling Subarea**  
40 x 40km

**Tower Flux Site**  
~1 x 1km

**Process Study Site**  
~1m<sup>2</sup> - 100m<sup>2</sup>



Satellites  
Remote Sensing Aircraft  
Large-Scale models

Flux Aircraft  
Local Area Models  
Tower Flux Measurements  
Hydrology

Physiological Studies  
Radiometric Measurements  
Trace Gas Measurements  
Soil Processes











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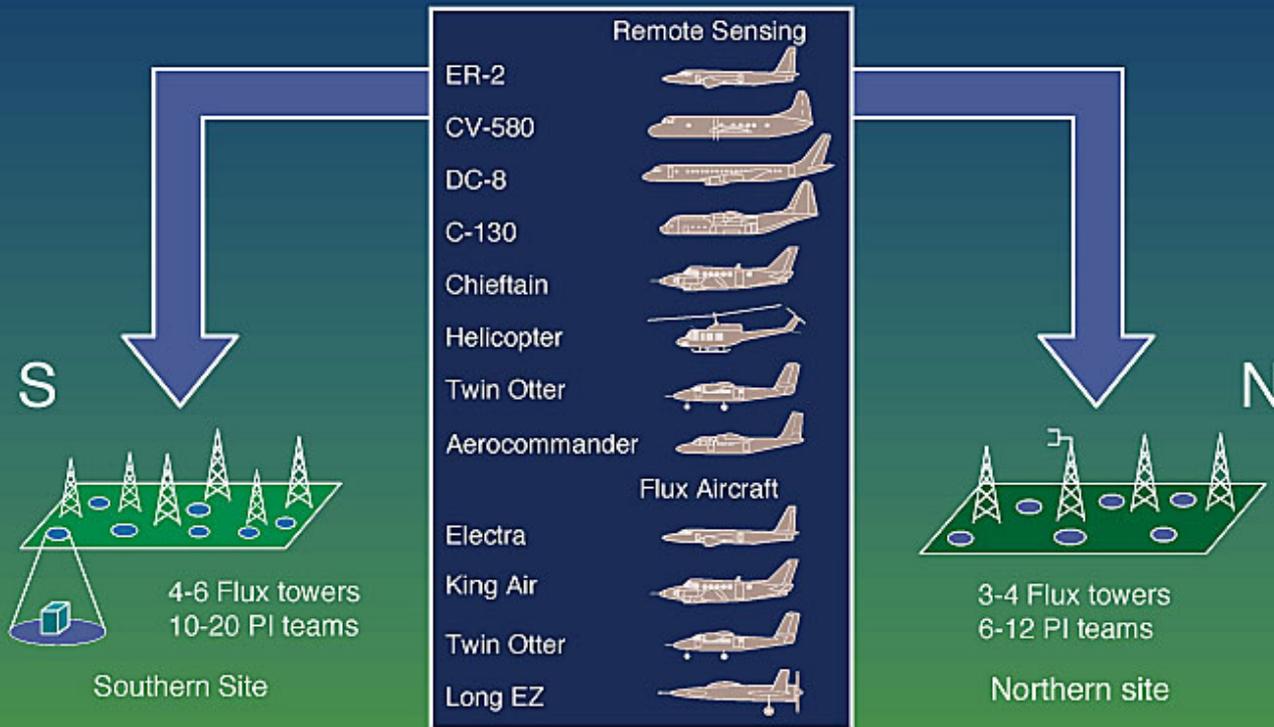








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# *Results from FIFE and Boreas*

## **Collection of large integrated data sets.**

Data sets that can be used by everyone.

*( thanks to FIS, BORIS, ORNL-DAAC).*

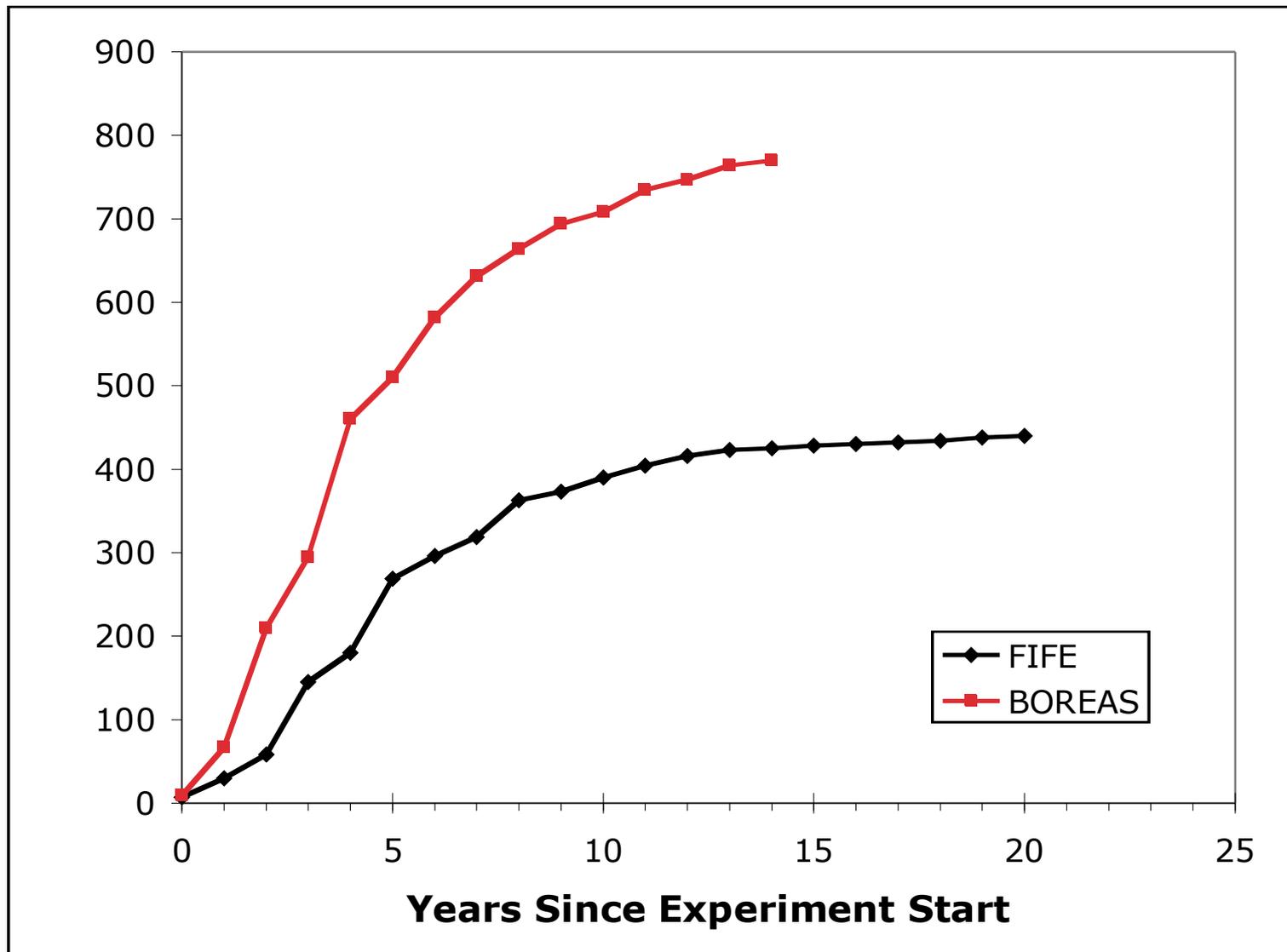
## **Tsunamis of publications.**

First – single discipline work, as PIs sorted out their data.

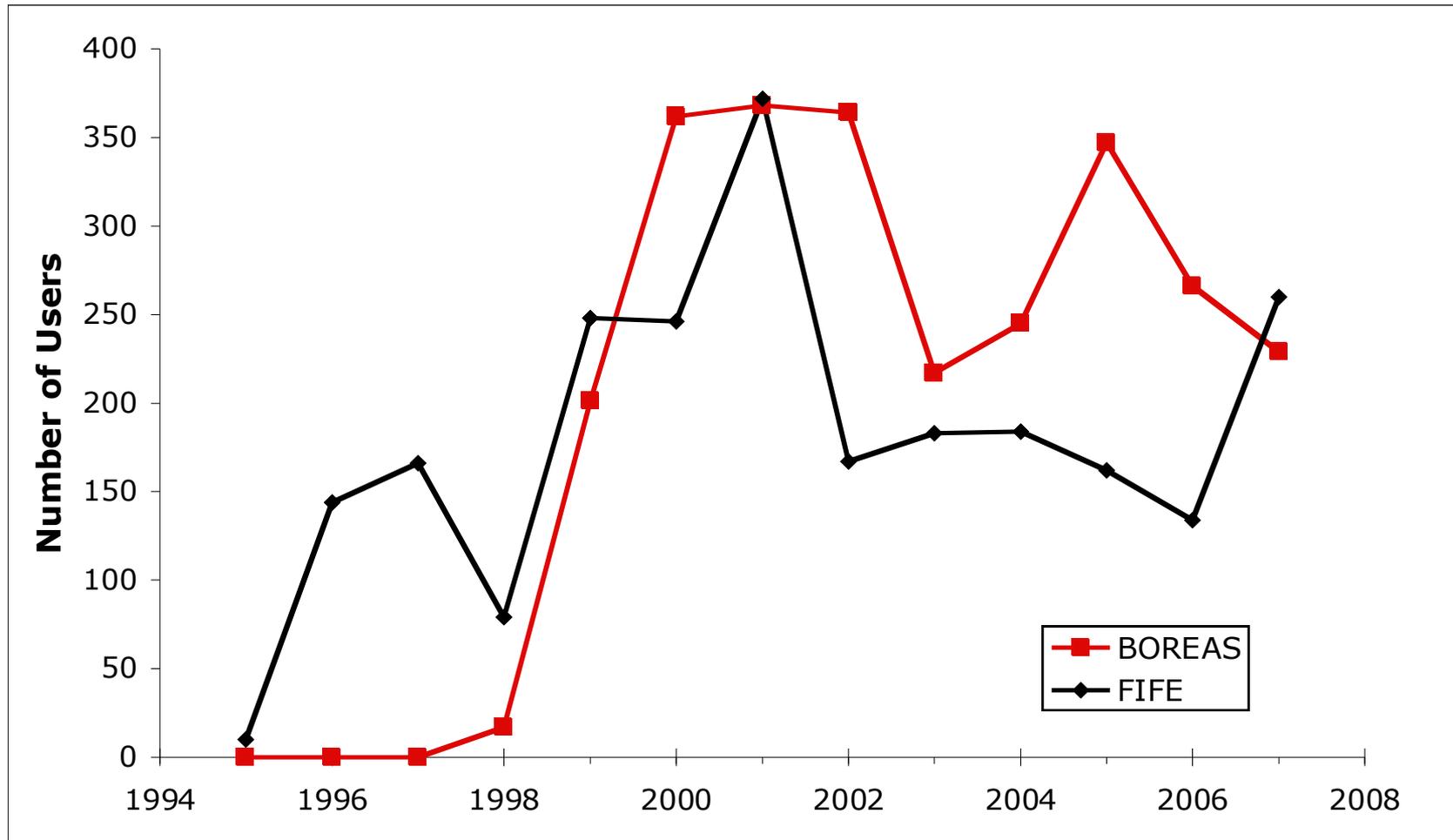
Later – interdisciplinary modeling and analysis.

Several special issues

**Data use continues** actively to this day..



# Number of Users Accessing Data from ORNL DAAC

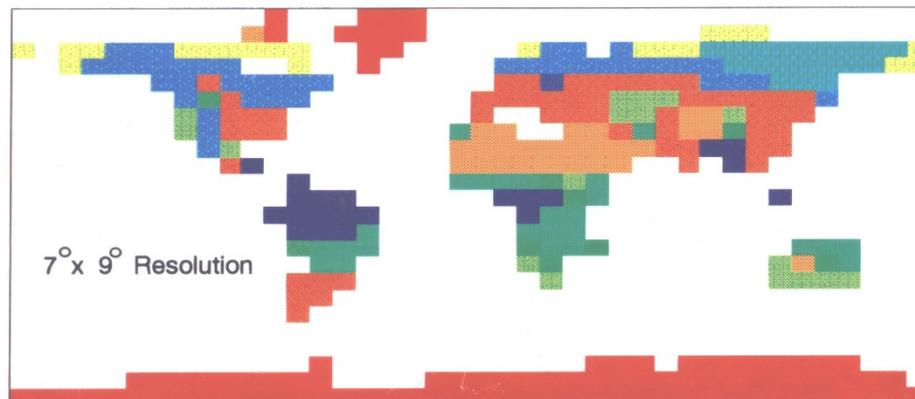
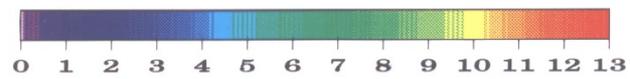
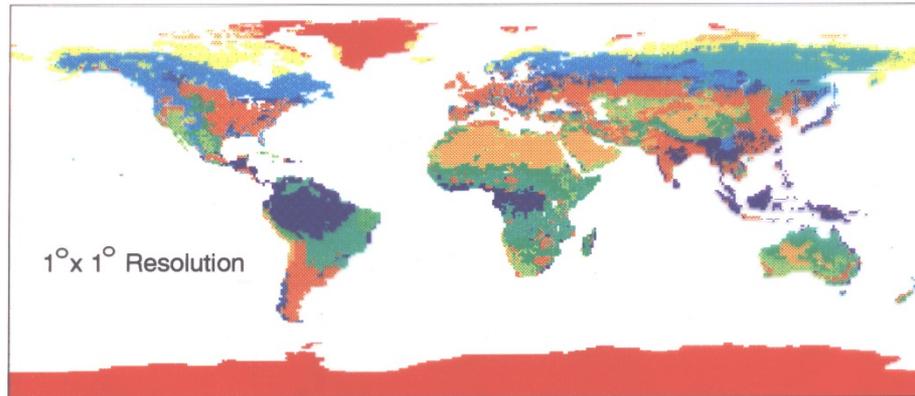


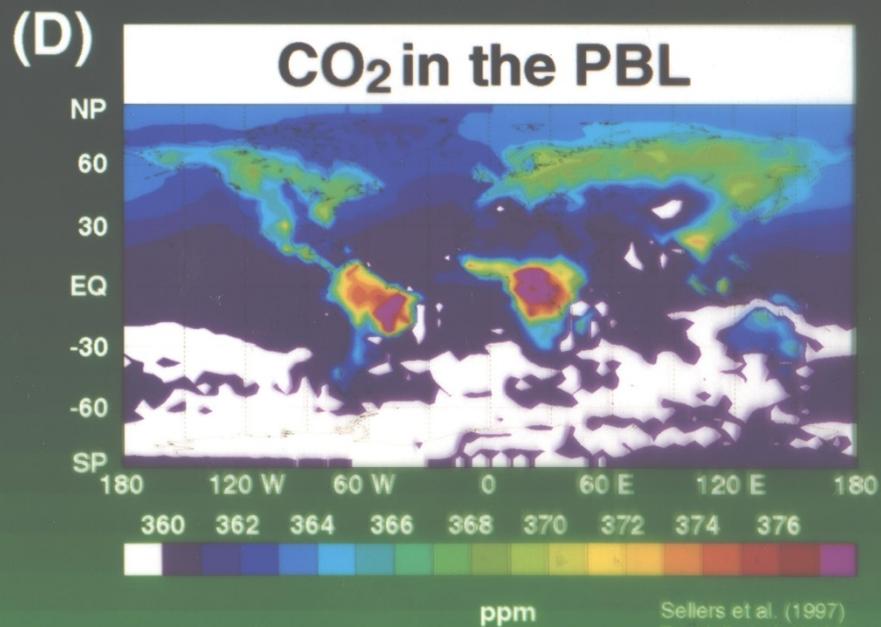
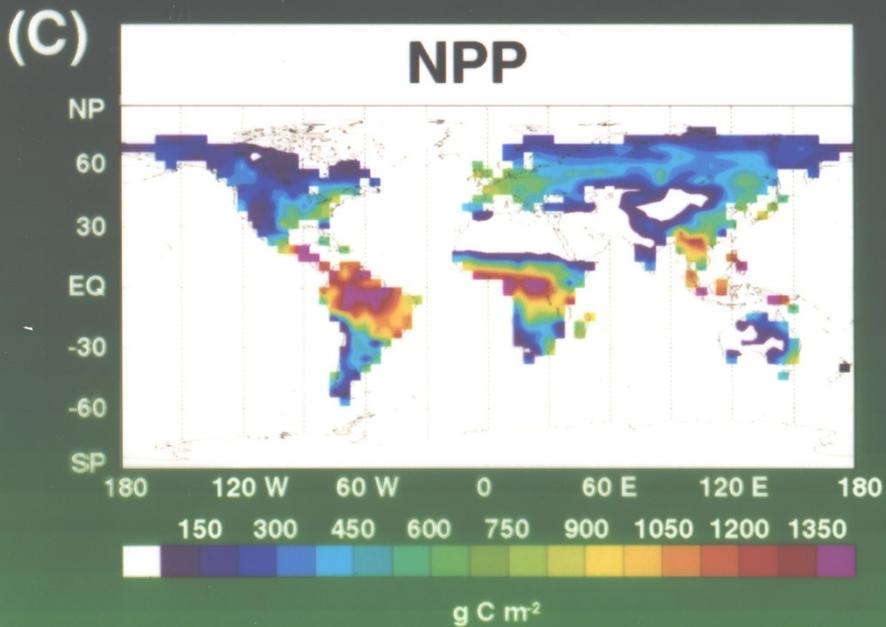
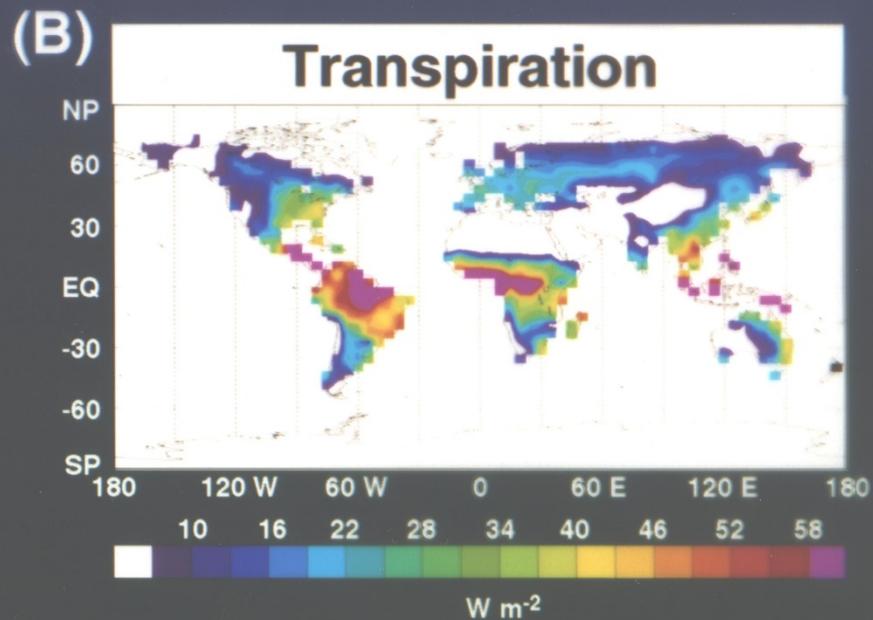
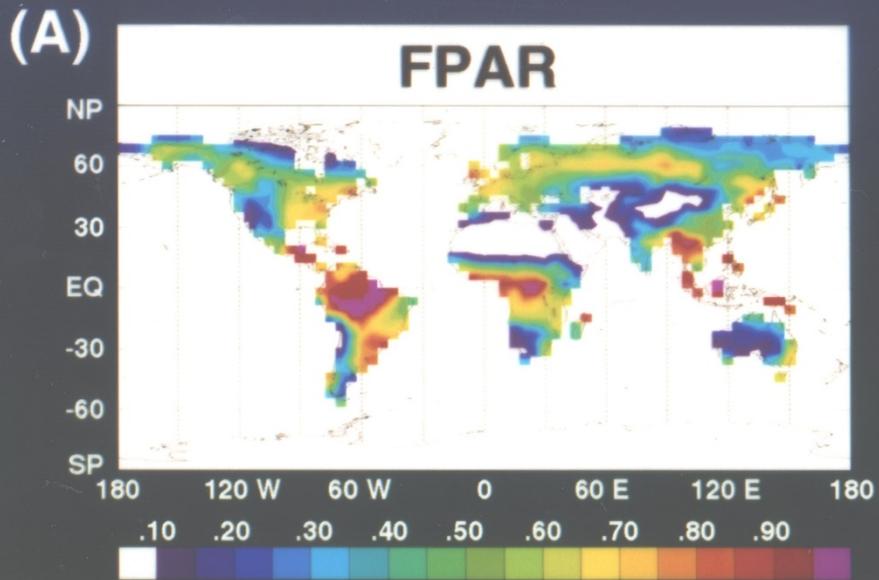
# Area-integrated Photosynthesis, Conductance are retrievable from orbit



$$\langle A_C, g_C \rangle \propto \text{Spectral vegetation index}$$

# SiB2 Vegetation Maps





Sellers et al. (1997)  
 Randall et al. (1996)  
 Denning et al. (1996)

*...The field experiments arrived just in time for  
Earth System Science..*

Accelerated collaboration between previously separated scientific communities.

Interdisciplinary science ( as real work, instead of a cliché ).

Incredibly fast development of new models and techniques.

Pathfinder for much EOS work.

A new generation of experienced, motivated students.

Friends, shared adventures, war stories....

# So..what was achieved?

- *Input for Eos, in the nick of time.*
- *Complete integrated data sets – from subsoil to orbit.*
- *Development and testing of realistic physiological LSPs; integration of physiology and carbon exchange.*
- *Integration and testing of remotely-sensed data into surface process models and GCMs.*
- *Scaling up to the globe: production of global data sets from satellite data.*
- ***More credible ( 3<sup>rd</sup>-generation) LSP-GCMs for global change prediction.***

***..it was worth the effort..***